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WAR DEPARTMENT
War Department General Staff
Military Intelligence Div.
Washington

10 October 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

SUBJECT: Washington Document Center

1. At a conference held at 1000, 8 October 1946 in the Office of Colonel Sheffield Edwards, Central Intelligence Group to discuss future planning and administrative arrangements concerning service personnel on duty with Washington Document Center (WDC), the Intelligence Division, War Department was asked to furnish specific information as to the extent of military personnel to be furnished Washington Document Center until the next fiscal year (1 July 1947).

2. The present strength of military personnel authorized for Washington Document Center (29 officers, 82 enlisted men) now being furnished by the War Department, will be retained until 1 December 1946.

3. It was planned that on 1 December 1946 a total of 12 officers and 20 enlisted men would participate in the exploitation of Japanese documents. Of this total, 10 officers and 18 enlisted men would be transferred to Special Document Section at Holabird, Maryland for the purpose of exploiting Japanese documents. In addition, 2 officers and 2 enlisted men would remain as a liaison detachment with the Japanese document collection in Washington. Under this plan, documents would be drawn on loan from the Japanese collection in Washington and would be taken to Holabird, Maryland for exploitation by a small group of 10 officers and 18 enlisted men referred to above.

4. The planned reduction of military personnel at Washington Document Center on 1 December 1946 was made on the basis of a tentative proposal reached with the Office of Naval Intelligence on 5 September 1946. This tentative proposal provided that on 1 December 1946 Office of Naval Intelligence would assume responsibility for Washington Document Center and the participation by Intelligence Division, War Department in the exploitation of Japanese documents would be limited to that personnel outlined in paragraph 3 above.

5. If Central Intelligence Group assumes responsibility for the Washington Document Center and the authorization for the retention of personnel for Washington Document Center is approved by Office, Chief of Staff, the 12 officers and 20 enlisted men referred to in paragraph 3 above will be made available to the Central Intelligence Group.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE:

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